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H. R. 1379

To freeze the price of gasoline pending analysis by the Secretary of Energy
of fluctuations in such price.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2003

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Secretary of Energy of fluctuations in such price.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PRICE FREEZE.**

4 (a) PROHIBITED SALES.—It shall be unlawful for any
5 person to sell gasoline at wholesale or retail for a price
6 in excess of the price that grade of gasoline sold for in
7 the same market on March 10, 2003.

8 (b) PENALTY.—A person who violates subsection (a)
9 shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each day
10 on which a violation occurred.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPIRATION OF FREEZE.**

2 The prohibition in section 1 shall expire 60 days after
3 the Secretary of Energy transmits to the Congress a re-
4 port analyzing fluctuations in gasoline prices, giving par-
5 ticular attention to the occurrence of price gouging as
6 cause of such fluctuations. Such report shall include the
7 Secretary's recommendations for any legislative or admin-
8 istrative actions that could improve gasoline price stability
9 and eliminate price gouging.

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